

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROKAZU OTOSHI ET AL.)
Application No.: Div. of Appln. No.)
09/867,493 :
Filed: Herewith :
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR FORMING DEPOSITED)
FILM : July 25, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

a.) Introductory Comments

This Amendment is filed in accordance with the OG Notice -1267 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 106 of February 25, 2003 - in which 37 C.F.R. §1.121(a)-(d) is waived for amendments to the application where the Amendment complies with the Revised Amendment Format of the OG Notice.

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and contemporaneous with the filing of the subject application, kindly amend the application as follows.